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Amendments to the Specification:

Please change the paragraph at page 17, lines 5-32, with the following:

Peptides particularly of interest for use in the present invention include laminin, which has the sequence

YIGSR

(SEQ ID NO: 7)

echistatin, which has the sequence

ECESGPCCRNCKFLKEGTICKRARGDDMDDYCNGKTCDCPRNPHKGPAT

(SEQ ID NO: 8)

RGD, NGR and derivatives thereof having the sequences

RX₁ETX₂WX₃

(SEQ ID NO: 9)

wherein X_1 , X_2 , and X_3 are any amino acid;

CX₁X₂RLDX₃X₄C

(SEQ ID NO: 11)

wherein X₁, X₂, X₃ and X₄ are any amino acid;

CXXRGDC

(SEQ ID NO: 12)

X₁X₂X₃RGDX₄X₅X₆

(SEQ ID NO: 13)

wherein X_1 , X_3 , X_4 , and X_6 are capable of forming a bridge (by disulfide bonds, peptide bonds or lactam bonds) and X_2 and X_5 are 1 to 5 amino acids;

CX,CRGDCX,C

(SEQ ID NO: 14)

wherein X_2 and X_5 are 1 to 5 amino acids;

 $X_1X_2DDX_4X_5X_7X_8$

(SEQ ID NO: 15)

wherein X_1 and X_2 each is an independently selected amino acid, X_2 and X_3 together equal 0 to 4 amino acids, each amino acid of which is independently selected, X_4 is selected from the group consisting of glycine and leucine, and X_3 is selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and leucine;

$$X_1X_2X_3DDX_4X_5X_5X_7X_9$$

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(SEQ ID NO: 16)

wherein X_1 and X_8 each is an independently selected amino acid, X_2 and X_7 together equal 0 to 3 amino acids, each amino acid of which is independently selected, X_3 is selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and proline, X_4 is selected from the group consisting of glycine and leucine, X_5 is selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and leucine, and X_6 is selected from the group consisting of leucine, tryptophan, and methionine. The substituents X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 , X_5 , X_6 , X_7 , and X_8 are as defined in International applications WO 95/14714, published June 1, 1995 and WO 97/08203, published March 6, 1997 (corresponding to U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,627,263 and 5,817,750, respectively), which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.